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The months of June and July 1940 were crucial in Latvia, marking the invasion and occupation of Latvia by Soviet Russia as well as preparation for final absorption of the country into the Soviet Union.

This most flagrant act of aggression is now being observed by the Soviets as "the twentieth anniversary of the liberation of Latvia". The Soviet propaganda machine is still engaged in camouflaging the Soviet crime committed against the Baltic States twenty years ago.

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In contrast to the Soviet "celebrations" the Latvian people are commemorating an event of utmost importance to them - the public statement by the Government of the United States of non-recognition of the forcible absorption of Latvia into the Soviet Union, as expressed by the Acting Secretary of State on July 23, 1940, and pronounced on various occasions thereafter by the Government of the United States.

This attitude of the United States has been a great support to the Latvian nation in its struggle for freedom.

The Latvian people are convinced that the free world, under the leadership of the United States, will succeed in defeating the international communist conspiracy headed by the leaders in Moscow so that freedom and justice may be restored to Latvia and the other nations behind the Iron Curtain.

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